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Secretary-General's bulletin

Regulations for the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Medal

The Secretary-General, for the purpose of implementing Security Council resolution 1121 (1997) of 22 July 1997 for the award of a Dag Hammarskjöld Medal, promulgates the following:

Section 1
The Dag Hammarskjöld Medal

The Secretary-General hereby establishes the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal (hereafter the "Medal") for posthumous award, subject to these regulations, to members of peacekeeping operations who have lost their lives, before or after the date of the present bulletin, during service with a peacekeeping operation under the operational control and authority of the United Nations (hereafter "United Nations peacekeeping operation").

Section 2
Description

The Medal is composed of two parts: a clear colourless lead glass crystal ellipsoid approximately 2 7/8 x 2 1/4 x 1 11/16 inches, grit blasted (monaired) with the name and date of death of the recipient, the United Nations logo, and the inscription "*The Dag Hammarskjöld Medal. In Service of Peace*", in English and French; and the presentation package made of cardboard with the title of the Medal and the United Nations logo imprinted on a blue United Nations field, the crystal Medal to rest on a cushioned black velvet base with a blue United Nations ribbon affixed, approximately 4.0 x 4.0 inches.

Section 3
Eligibility

3.1 The Medal shall be awarded to all personnel of military, police or civilian components, as defined in this section, of United Nations peacekeeping operations, who have lost their lives during service in such peacekeeping operations, except in the case of death arising from misconduct or criminal acts during the period of assignment with the United Nations peacekeeping oper tion. No minimum period of

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service in a United Nations peacekeeping operation is required for award of the Medal.

3.2 The Medal is awarded without prejudice to the award of other medals or awards.

3.3 The military component of a United Nations peacekeeping operation consists of military and civilian personnel made available to United Nations peacekeeping operations by participating States at the request of the Secretary-General.

3.4 The police component of a United Nations peacekeeping operation consists of police personnel made available to United Nations peacekeeping operations by participating States at the request of the Secretary-General.

3.5 The civilian component of a United Nations peacekeeping operation consists of United Nations staff and officials, volunteers and other civilian personnel assigned by the Secretary-General or made available by participating States to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

3.6 The participating State means a State contributing personnel to any of the components mentioned in subparagraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 above.

Section 4
Procedures for award of the Medal

4.1 Requests for the award of the Medal to members of the United Nations peacekeeping operations shall emanate from the Secretary-General. He shall consider requests for award of the Medal from participating States and from survivors of personnel who have lost their lives during service with a United Nations peacekeeping operation.

4.2 The Secretary-General may also award the Medal based on information in United Nations archives.

Section 5
Award of the Medal

5.1 All awards of the Medal to the next of kin of personnel of military or police components of a United Nations peacekeeping operation shall be with the consent of the participating State which contributed the personnel to the United Nations peacekeeping operation. The procedures for award of the Medal shall be agreed upon between the Secretary-General and the Government concerned.

5.2 Awards of the Medal to personnel of the civilian component of a United Nations peacekeeping operation will be made by the Secretary-General or his representative to the next of kin or as designated by the next of kin.

Section 6
Display of the Medal

The next of kin to whom the Medal is presented may display the Medal in events commemorating the recipient or United Nations Peacekeepers.

Section 7
Issue of Medals

The Secretary-General may designate persons who, acting on his behalf, may issue the Medal.

Section 8
Amendments

The present bulletin may be amended by the Secretary-General who will, however, consult with the Security Council prior to promulgating such amendment.

Section 9
Final provision

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**
Secretary-General